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1. Publication of scientific and technical articles was still fairly active in Czechoslovakia although many independent technical publications had gone out of existence. Scientific articles were included in publications issued by the ministry or organization concerned and scientific books were also published. Some of the research institutes issued their own bulletins, but these were not for public consumption; they were available to only a few individuals within the research institute. Most ministries issued monthly publications.

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- a. Mining and Metallurgy (Hornictvi a Hutnictvi), issued by the Ministry of Foundries and Ore Mines.
- b. Kovoprumysl, issued by the Ministry of Heavy Engineering.
- c. Glass (Sklo); Wood (Drevo); Czechoslovak Textile (Ceskoslovensky Textil); Leather-Rubber (Kuze-Guma); issued by the Ministry of Light Industry.
- d. Chemistry (Chemie), issued by the Ministry of Chemical Industry.
- e. Foodstuffs (Vyziva), issued by the Ministry of Food Industry.

2. All these publications could be purchased at most bookshops. Copies disappear quickly and I suspect that some of them were finding their way into foreign countries.

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3. All articles written for such publications first had to be approved by the institute, plant, or organization where the writer was employed. In addition, the articles presumably came under the strict scrutiny of the local political security officer.
4. Technical publications from Western countries were virtually unobtainable, except by a very few people, and none were available on the open market.

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